

MEDFORD CORPORATION MEDFORD, OREGON



TIMBER SUPPLY

Medford Corporation has a timber reserve of more than a billion feet of Sugar Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir and White Fir. The stand is of intermingled species, but predominately Douglas Fir of high quality, with long, strong fibers and is unsurpassed for structural uses. The White Fir is small-knot type timber. Its soft texture makes building easy. The Pines come from lands ranging in altitude from 2500 feet to 4500 feet. The Sugar Pine is unequalled for its soft, light even textured structure. The Ponderosa Pine is representative of this Western species.

FACILITIES

Medford Corporation has well-rounded logging facilities capable of harvesting 350 M feet or more of logs daily. Medco has its own logging railroad with 66 miles of track which makes it possible for a year around logging operation when winter truck logging cannot be accomplished. Medford's manufacturing facilities are complete and modern. There is a 165 acre mill site with sufficient room for future expansion of manufacturing facilities. The log pond of ten acres holds about 3 million feet of logs—about a 9 days' supply.

In the sawmill are two 9-foot band mills, a 42" Gang, two 10"x11" Double Edgers, Pony Edger, 6' Horizontal Re-saw, and two 5' automatic Air Trimmers. A battery of 18 modern Kilns scientifically dry Medco's stock. The Planing Mill equipment is complete with Sticker, Matcher, Surfer, Sizer, Timber Sizer, Resaw, and various Rip and Trim saws and auxiliary equipment.

All transportation handling is done mechanically with Straddle and Lift trucks. There is undercover storage capacity for 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ million feet of lumber. All carloading is done under roof.

PRODUCTS

SUGAR PINE—pattern stock, 8/4, 10/4, 12/4, & 16/4; 4/4, 5/4, & 6/4 Selects for general Millwork uses, with special emphasis on Wide 5/4, especially in drainboard widths; the Shop is cut in thicknesses according to demand; Commons go mostly into Box

Lumber, but the unusual blood-red color of knots makes an outstanding knotty Pine panel for interior or exterior uses.

PONDEROSA PINE—makes beautiful Finish lumber for all kinds of interior Millwork. We specialize in thicknesses up to 8/4 and mill in our own plant such standard items as Casing, Base, Moulding, Bevel Siding and numerous other patterns. We furnish factory lumber in all standard thicknesses.

DOUGLAS FIR—products include all types of yard and shed items in Clears, such as Flooring, Siding, Finish, Casing, Base, Mouldings, etc., and Commons in Boards and Dimension; Construction posts and beams, timbers up to 16x16x22; preservative treated Pole stock, Car Material and thick Clears.

WHITE FIR—goes mostly into Board Sheathing and all Dimension light framing stock.

QUALITY DEPENDABLE

Close supervision of all manufacturing operations insures the finest machine work. The American Lumber Standard is our guide for sizes. Grading and tallying are carefully and expertly done under the supervision of the West Coast Bureau of Lumber Grades & Inspection, and the Western Pine Association.

We have sufficient capacity in our battery of 18 modern Kilns to dry all of our Fir Uppers and our entire Pine production.

A LONG-LIFE OPERATION

Medco's large timber reserve has been operated since 1915 on a selectively cut basis, taking out the mature trees and leaving the younger growth for a second cycle of cutting. Medco is working toward an annual budgeted schedule that should eventually balance cutting against growth. The fire protection plan provides for the prompt piling and burning of logging slash on a current basis. Fire trails and roads are being developed to permit easy access to any part of the timber reserve. Snag falling and insect control work are part of Medford's program for the establishment of work for all of its timberlands in order to give Nature every assistance in replenishing the timber supply and thus prolonging the life of the operation.

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